

Review 28 Vector Functions
(go with parametric equations)

position vector $\hat{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$
 velocity vector $\hat{v}(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle$
 acceleration $\hat{a}(t) = \langle x''(t), y''(t) \rangle$

start with $\hat{v}(t)$, find $\hat{r}(t)$
 $x(b) = x(a) + \int_a^b x'(t) dt$
 $y(b) = y(a) + \int_a^b y'(t) dt$
 final = initial + displacement
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$$\text{speed} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$$

(not a vector)

$$\text{total distance} = \int_a^b \text{speed} dt$$

$$\text{slope of } \hat{v}(t) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

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Ex. A particle moves in the plane with
 position vector $\hat{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$

$$x(t) = t^2 - 1 \quad y'(t) = \cos(t^2)$$

- Find $\hat{a}(t)$
- Find speed at $t=4$
- Find slope of velocity vector at $t=4$
- Find the position of the vector at $t=4$
 if $\hat{r}(0) = \langle -1, 2 \rangle$

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$$a) \hat{a}(t) = \langle 2, -2t \sin t^2 \rangle$$

$$b) \sqrt{(2t)^2 + (\cos t^2)^2} \Big|_{t=4} = 8.057$$

$$c) \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{\cos t^2}{2t} \Big|_{t=4} = -1.197$$

$$d) x(4) = 4^2 - 1 = 15$$

$$y(4) = 2 + \int_0^4 \cos(t^2) dt = 2.5945$$

$$\hat{r}(0) = \langle -1, 2 \rangle$$

$$\hat{r}(4) = \langle 15, 2.5945 \rangle$$

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